

dead outside his house in Dagestan. He covered government corruption, abductions, police abuse and torture and had received numerous threats for his work. His name appeared on an anonymous hit list.

32. Dec. 4, 2013: Arkady Lander, editor of the opposition newspaper *Mestnaya*, died after an 2010 attack by unknown assailants in Sochi. He underwent operations and hospitalizations for three years after his attack, which left him amputated and with a fractured skull. Lander had covered local elections and distributed his newspaper free of charge. The statute of limitations ran out on his case.

33. Aug. 1, 2014: The body of independent journalist and civil activist Timur Kuashev was discovered in the woods after he disappeared a day earlier. Kuashev was threatened by police after reporting on civil liberty and human rights violations by security forces.

Ms. KAPTUR. The interview with Mr. Scarborough took place the day after Mr. Putin praised and propagandized Mr. Trump as “bright and talented” and the “absolute leader of the Presidential race.” That was about a year before our election. Months later, the President-elect asked the Russian Federation to hack Hillary Clinton’s email. How about that by our President-elect?

September 8, 2016: At NBC’s Commander-in-Chief Forum, Mr. Trump praised Putin by saying:

If Putin says great things about me, I’m going to say great things about him . . . I’ve already said he is very much of a leader. The man has very strong control over his country.

He is right about that. If you speak against Putin, you can be murdered in Russia.

America, pay attention.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o’clock and 55 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Lord, God of history and ever present, You sent Your prophet Isaiah to Your people when they were in need of hope and vision.

May Isaiah’s prophetic words guide the Members of this people’s House. Send Your Spirit upon them and our Nation, that we may be open to hearing Your word and actively seeking the salvation You alone can bring.

Make of us a people of compassion and holiness. In pursuing the avenues

of justice for all, may we be a sign to the community of nations. Help each Member to work toward the complete fulfillment of the deepest human hopes and Your inspiring promises.

With humility, let them embrace their calling; to be truly prophetic, as Your servants of old, but earnestly fulfilling Your commands. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EMMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 12, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 12, 2017, at 9:03 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 3.
With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HAITIAN WOMEN OF MIAMI 7TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today marks the seventh anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti which struck near its capital, Port-au-Prince, leaving behind in its wake total devastation and tens of thousands dead.

Haitians have been resilient in their efforts to come back from this massive

disaster, and the United States will remain committed to helping Haiti get back on its feet.

I have had the privilege of visiting Haiti many times during my time in Congress, and, most recently in October, I had the opportunity to travel to Haiti with my dear Florida colleague FREDERICA WILSON weeks after yet another terrible disaster, a hurricane, hit Haiti.

I would like to commend local organizations in south Florida led by the Haitian Women of Miami, FANM, for holding a silent march this afternoon, beginning at 4 p.m., from 62nd Street and North Miami Avenue to the Little Haiti Cultural Center.

Mr. Speaker, let’s continue to help Haiti and the Haitian people.

HONORING JUDITH MORRIS

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say good-bye to a dedicated public servant and a key part of my team. Judith Morris has served the Olympic Peninsula for a decade, first for my predecessor Norm Dicks, and for the past 4 years in my office.

Judith’s knowledge of the peninsula and her dedication is unmatched. There are few that combine her compassion and guidance to any constituent who had a question or who needed help with a Federal agency. Whether at the office or at the grocery store or at an event, Judith was available.

Mr. Speaker, Judith has served our Nation with distinction, first in the Peace Corps, and now in the United States House of Representatives, making equity and conservation and human rights a tenet of her time in service. Judith’s wit, thoughtfulness, and easy-going manner will be missed.

Our entire community thanks her and her husband, David, an outstanding public servant in his own right, who worked for the National Park Service, for leaving a legacy of integrity, excellence, and service.

I am humbled and honored to offer my sincere thanks to Judith Morris for her dedication to the Sixth Congressional District, and I wish her the best as she continues to explore her passion for travel and service all around this world.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, we celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, which acknowledges the contributions that men and women in uniform make on a daily basis to keep our communities safe and secure.

It was heartening to see the display of support for these individuals throughout the House Office Buildings

on Monday. As the Sun went down, you could see blue lights in windows across the Capitol complex honoring those brave men and women.

The dedicated individuals who serve in law enforcement help to preserve the way of life we hold so dear. They walk the neighborhood beats, patrol our streets, and willingly do dangerous work to protect our families and communities.

It is one of the most honorable activities anyone can engage in, and I want to thank them for their selflessness and bravery they demonstrate as officers of the law. They deserve our profound gratitude.

REPEAL WILL AFFECT EVERY AMERICAN

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise out of a deep concern, not just for the 30 million Americans who will lose access to health coverage and the tens of millions of others who will see their costs rise if Republicans repeal the Affordable Care Act without a replacement, but as well for every American because the repeal will affect every American, including every American who has health insurance through their employer.

Let there be no mistake. Every American will be adversely affected by the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The repeal and delay plan ought to be called repeal and deny, deny health coverage to tens of millions, deny tax credits to small businesses to help them cover their employees, deny those with preexisting conditions protection from high premiums and coverage denials, and deny parents from covering their children under age 26 through their own insurance plans. Every American will be adversely affected if we repeal the Affordable Care Act.

I heard recently through social media from a woman in my district whose family was able to save more than \$1,200 a month because of the ACA marketplace. Another wrote to tell me that the ACA made it possible for her to sign up for coverage for the first time in years since she lost her job and her employer-based insurance. When she needed to be hospitalized this spring, having coverage saved her life.

Repeal and deny would be a disaster for our people and our economy. I urge my Republican friends to instead work with the Democrats to improve the Affordable Care Act.

CAMERAS IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans nationwide are interested in

watching the Supreme Court at work, but only a handful on any given day are allowed to have access to the courtroom. The courtroom is small and seating is limited. Well, why not give the public the ability to view the proceedings in their entirety on television or through live streaming?

Public court hearings are the bedrock of American justice. Americans want to know what is going on behind those closed doors. A simple nonintrusive camera would allow for greater transparency and greater faith in the decisions made by the most powerful Court in the world.

I was one of the first judges in Texas to allow cameras in the courtroom. All the naysayers said: oh, it won't work. But it did. It benefited everyone.

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) and I are once again cosponsoring a bill to allow cameras in the Supreme Court. It is better to show all of the proceedings to the public than to rely on a 30-second sound bite from a news reporter on television during the 6:00 news. It is time for cameras in the Supreme Court.

And that is just the way it is.

KEEP AMERICA HEALTHY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to keep America healthy, saving the Affordable Care Act.

I rise in the name of Cynthia Perry, facing a life-or-death scenario. Without the law in place, Cynthia Perry would also be facing life or death. Perry suffers from an immune deficiency that requires her to take medication she estimates costs roughly \$40,000 a year. Cynthia, who lives today.

I rise to keep America healthy. Kathryn Will, terrified about losing access to treatment, terrified because she, herself, at 28 years old, was diagnosed with stage III breast cancer.

I rise to keep America healthy because a Senator from Kentucky said we need to think through how we do this, and it is a huge mistake for Republicans if they do not vote for replacement on the same day they vote for repeal.

I rise to keep America healthy and not give hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to insurance companies and drug manufacturers while eliminating tax credits for millions of working Americans.

I rise to keep America healthy. Vote to save the Affordable Care Act.

SOUTH CAROLINA FIFTH MOST POPULAR STATE FOR NEW RESIDENTS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week The Post and Cou-

rier of Charleston announced that South Carolina is the fifth most popular State for new residents. In an annual study conducted by United Van Lines, South Carolina achieved being in a top place for people looking to relocate, whether for a job, retirement, or temperate climate.

The Post and Courier detailed that the moving company this week said 60 percent of the trucks in South Carolina dropped off household goods for newcomers, placing it among the top destinations for those seeking a new home. The article also reveals that recent data from the Census Bureau confirms the Palmetto State is gaining significantly.

I am grateful to Governor Nikki Haley, incoming Governor Henry McMaster, Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt, and everyone who works each day to promote South Carolina as a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We have a probusiness mindset. We are military friendly. We have communities that promote job creation. We have a State that is ready to welcome transplants.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

LET'S WORK TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTHCARE PLAN

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, in his farewell speech, President Obama said that if anyone can put together an alternative healthcare plan that is demonstrably better and covers as many people at less cost, he would publicly support it. I feel the same way.

The ACA is not perfect, and anyone who is serious about working to improve our healthcare system should count me as a willing partner. But that is not what we have heard from President-elect Trump and my Republican colleagues. Their irresponsible plan is to repeal ObamaCare and then figure out what comes next. That is like jumping ship without a life raft or a plan.

Repealing ObamaCare will leave 1.2 million people in my State without health insurance, allowing insurers to again deny coverage based on preexisting conditions or put annual and lifetime caps on coverage, and deny young people the option of staying on their parents' plan. This will hurt real people who depend on the Affordable Care Act.

I urge my colleagues to join me in finding ways to improve our Nation's healthcare system rather than burning it down.